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SUBJECT: PRE- IG REVIEW OF HAITI CASP

1. PRE- IG MET AND REVIEWED HAITI CASP ON MARCH 21. FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS IN CASP WERE AGREED UPON BY PRE- IG MEMBERS; CASP WILL BE REVIEWED BY IG ON APRIL 18.

2. CASP ISSUE 2 -- SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PRE- IG RAISED OBJECTIONS TO INCLUSION OF GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM IN CASP' S RECOMMENDED ISSUE RESOLUTION. OBJECTIONS BASED ON GENERAL TREND AGAINST ANY EXPANSION OF GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAMS PLUS FACT THAT RECOMMENDED MATERIEL COULD BE OBTAINED UNDER THE PROPOSED FMS PROGRAM. THERE WAS ALSO SOME OPPOSITION TO THE EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES PROGRAM. PRE- IG MEMBERS DECIDED TO REFER THIS QUESTION TO IG FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. IF COUNTRY TEAM HAS ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTATION FOR INCLUSION OF GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM OTHER THAN THAT OUTLINED IN " ALTERNATIVES" (P.11) SECTION OF CASP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF YOUR COMMENTS NO LATER THAN COB APRIL 10.

3. PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM -- PRE- IG MEMBERS NOTED CASP RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF PL-480 PROGRAM OF \$2 MILLION
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FOR FY 74 (P. 27). IN VIEW OF SEVERE RESTRAINTS ON PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM, PRE- IG MEMBERS CONCLUDED SUCH A

FIGURE WAS TOO HIGH AND SHOULD BE CHANGED TO " UP TO \$1 MILLION." SUCH A CHANGE IN CASP SHOULD NOT RPT. NOT BE TAKEN AS AGREEMENT THAT PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BUT SHOULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS A PLANNING FIGURE IF SUCH A PROGRAM IS SET UP.

4. FY 74 AID RESOURCE LEVELS BEING MODIFIED TO MAKE THEM CONSISTENT WITH CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION.

5. PRE- IG MEMBERS AND IG STAFF PRAISED CASP SUBMISSION FOR ITS CLARITY BALANCE AND COMPREHENSIVENESS. ROGERS

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